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PROSTATE AND COLON CANCER

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in International Search Report (copy enclosed).

This statement should be considered because it is submitted less than three months after the mailing date of a Communication from a foreign patent office in which the aforementioned items of information were cited, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. No fee is due as this statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

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